

Abstract

- Title:** Analysis of penetration passes of central midfielders in selected Czech teams
- Objective:** The aim of the thesis is to point out importance of a penetrating pass and its direct relation with a team's match performance.
- Methods:** Analyzed file, which consisted of 16 players was indirectly observed with help of video records from Instat 3.0 software. Mainly penetrating passes of two most used central midfielders from each chosen team were observed. Recorded data were written up to sheets prepared in advance. Compiled data were then used to compare, analyze and evaluate between themselves.
- Results:** We found out that watched players of top four teams had with a few exceptions better numbers than players of bottom four teams. Hrošovský was consistently among the best in each aspect we watched, while Soldát lined up among the worst in each aspect with the only exception being success rate of penetrating passes. Tetour and Hanousek were ranked in top three in success rate of passes which was a surprise given they played for last team of the table.
- Summary:** We found out that even though players of top four teams were achieving better numbers than players of bottom four teams, they weren't as dominant in watched aspects as we thought. We expected that there would be a bigger difference between them.
- Key words:** football, player, midfielder, penetrating pass, analysis, performance